

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

MOUNT AUBURN CEMETERY,

TOGETHER WITH

THE REPORTS

OF THE

TREASURER AND SUPERINTENDENT.

JANUARY, 1858.

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MOUNT AUBURN CEMETERY.

Since the last annual meeting a new and complete catalogue of the Proprietors of Mount Auburn Cemetery has been published, having been corrected from former editions with much labor and care on the part of the Secretary. To this catalogue has been prefixed a code of by-laws compiled and digested from the standing votes of the Trustees, with such amendments as were considered necessary.

Since the adoption of this code, it has been found that the duties therein required of the Superintendent were too onerous and diversified to be properly performed by one individual. A new office has therefore been created, and a new by-law introduced, providing for the appointment, and prescribing the duties and powers of a *Gardener* to the Cemetery. The person so appointed is to take charge of and keep in repair the lots of such proprietors as may apply to him for that service, and on such terms as may be agreed on between the parties; he is also to keep for sale, at some convenient place designated by the Trustees, shrubs, trees, and flowers, and be ready to furnish, plant, or cultivate the same at his own expense, and at such price and remuneration as may be agreed on with the purchasers. This plan, which costs nothing to the Corporation, has been found to work well in other cemeteries where it has been tried.

The Trustees have appointed to this office Mr. Anthony Apple, an experienced gardener, and have leased to him a piece of ground nearly opposite the gate, on which he has erected a conservatory and commenced a garden. The destruction of his first green-house by fire, and

the consequent expense of rebuilding it, entitles him to the charitable consideration of those who may be likely to need his services.

The experiment made last year of transplanting some dozens of large trees in the neighborhood of the gate, has proved eminently successful, not one of them having been lost or injured by the operation. A somewhat similar alteration is now in progress on the westerly side of the gate.

By the liberality of one of the proprietors, the sum of one thousand dollars has been expended in grading, stoning, and otherwise improving the border of Meadow pond. An open space of two thousand square feet, inclosing the fountain at the head of the pond, is to be forever kept open for ornamental purposes. It is hoped that other proprietors may be induced to follow so praiseworthy an example. The Trustees have voted to appropriate to a similar repair of Forest pond, all sums which may be derived from the sale of intermediate spaces between lots bordering on this pond. Some of the abutters have already subscribed to this object, and it is believed that others will be disposed to promote an object beneficial to themselves and to the corporation.

The statues expected from Italy and intended to decorate the interior of the chapel, have not yet arrived. That of Gov. Winthrop by Mr. Greenough, is announced as completed in Florence, and may be expected here in the Spring or sooner. Mr. Crawford's statue of James Otis has been unhappily delayed by the death of that distinguished and lamented artist. Letters from his representatives, however, express the belief that it is already completed in Rome, and will be forwarded in the course of the Spring. The fourth statue, that of John Adams, was shipped from Leghorn about the first of September, in the Oxford, a vessel reported as deserted at sea, and probably lost. The amount which would have been due on the delivery of this statue, was insured by the sculptor, Mr. Rogers, who is confident of being able to execute a duplicate from the model in the course of another year. When these works are completed, and in their places, the Corporation will have acquired a valuable and most appropriate embellishment, giving them precedence over all other cemeteries in this country, at an expense not exceeding three per cent. of the estimated gross outlay of Mount Auburn, or six per cent. of the expenditures up to the present time.

Among the auspicious events of the last year is the commencement of a permanent fund, provided for the support and preservation of the cem-

etery, after the receipts from land sales shall have ceased. A first instalment of three thousand five hundred and ten dollars has been paid by the Treasurer to the Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company, in pursuance of a vote of the Trustees, by which it is required that one-fifth part of the gross proceeds of sales of land, shall be annually deposited with said company, until the whole sum thus deposited, together with its accumulations of interest, shall amount to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The farther to insure the stability of this investment, the Trustees have caused to be inserted in every new deed of conveyance a covenant binding the Corporation to the preservation and increase of this permanent fund, so that no future Board of Trustees will have the power to misapply or to divert any part of it from its legitimate destination.

By the Treasurer's report it will be seen that the receipts of the last year have considerably exceeded those of the previous year, while the expenditures have been less; showing that the Trustees have thus far been able to keep up the same prudent policy which has heretofore governed their movements.

For the Trustees.

JACOB BIGELOW, *President.*

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 1, 1858.

TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR THE 26TH YEAR, 1857.

He has received as follows, viz:

From income of Investments, - - - -	1,131.98	
" sales of Lots, - - - -	20,598.68	
" sundry parties, for Deeds, - - -	121.00	
" sale of 20 shares National Insurance Co.,	1,397.50	
" " 20 " Hamilton Bank, - - -	2,355.00	
" " 10 " Shawmut Bank, - - -	1,072.50	
" Jonathan Mann, Superintendent, - -	1,151.70	
		<u>\$27,828.36</u>

He has made payments as follows, viz:

To the Mass. Horticultural Society, for their proportion of sales 1856 and 1857,	\$4,585.67	\$4,799.67	9,385.34
For Expenses, say for Chapel, -	2,000.00		
" Superintendent's House and re- pairs on Stone House, -	657.57		
" Contract for Filling, - -	350.00		
" Catalogue, - - - -	502.65		
" other general Expenses, -	1,474.51		
			<u>4,984.73</u>
" Interest and Taxes on Stone Farm, - -	784.92		
" Notes payable on account Stone Farm, -	300.00		
To Jonathan Mann, Superintendent, on acc't, -	4,003.26		
For City of Boston Scrip and Interest on do., -	3,024.00		
" account of Story Statue, - - - -	3.50		
To Austin J. Coolidge, on account for Salary, -	350.00		
" Geo. Wm. Bond, Treasurer for 2½ per cent. on \$20,598.68, - - - -	514.97		
" Hospital Life Insurance Co., for Permanent Fund, - - - -	3,510.00		
There was due him December 31, 1856, -	793.75		
There now remains in his hands, - - -	173.89		
			<u>\$27,828.36</u>

GEO. WM. BOND, *Treasurer.*

BOSTON, DECEMBER 31, 1857.

Schedule of PROPERTY in the hands of the Treasurer, belonging to the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn.

	Par Value.	Market Value.
15 shares Shawmut Bank, - -	1,500.00	1,560.00
6 " Boston & Lowell Railroad, -	3,000.00	2,280.00
40 " Boston & Providence do., -	4,000.00	3,200.00
20 " Atlantic Bank, - - -	2,000.00	2,000.00
30 " Western Railroad, - - -	3,000.00	3,000.00
24 " Boston & Worcester R. R., -	2,400.00	2,160.00
City of Boston Scrip, - - -	3,000.00	3,000.00
20 shares Fitchburg Railroad, - -	2,000.00	1,640.00
Cash, - - - - -	173.89	173.89
	\$21,073.89	\$19,013.89

He also holds Certificates of Deposit

with Mass. Hospital Life Ins. Co., 3,510.00 3,510.00

He has also in his hands belonging to the Fund for Repairs,—

15 shares Atlas Bank, - - cost	1,470.00	
8 " Fitchburg Railroad, - "	841.00	
10 " Western Railroad, - "	1,002.50	
City of Boston Scrip for \$2,350, "	2,357.05	
Massachusetts 5 per cent. Scrip,		
for \$1,000, - - - - -	959.73	
Note of S. H. Oliver, endorsed by		
S. P. Blake, and secured by		
mortgage, - - - - -	4,000.00	
		\$10,630.28

The unappropriated portion of the Story Statue Fund consists

of City Scrip for \$650, cost - - -	651.95
Balance due from Corporation, - - -	328.73

\$980.68

The Property of the Corporation, independent of the Cemetery,
 which has cost up to this date, - - - - - \$250,944.13
 consists of:

	Par Value.	Market Value.
Tomb under Park Street Church, -	200.00	
15 shares Shawmut Bank, - -	1,500.00	1,560.00
6 " Boston & Lowell R. R.,	3,000.00	2,280.00
40 " Boston & Providence do.,	4,000.00	3,200.00
Lot No. 567, - - - -	100.00	
20 shares Atlantic Bank, - -	2,000.00	
30 " Western Railroad, -	3,000.00	
24 " Boston & Worcester R.R.,	2,400.00	2,160.00
City of Boston Scrip, - - -	3,000.00	
20 shares Fitchburg Railroad, -	2,000.00	1,640.00
Superintendent's House and Lot, -	6,892.21	
Stone Farm, - - - -	27,289.75	
Cash, - - - -	173.89	
		\$55,555.85

The debts of the Corporation, including notes payable for the
 Stone Farm, \$11,588, are, - - - - - 12,160.93

 \$43,394.92

Being an increase over last year of - - - 5,391.29
 To which may be added the sum deposited with the
 Mass. Hospital Life Ins. Co., as property of the
 Corporation, but devoted to Special Trust, - - 3,510.00
 Increased market value of Stocks, - - - 1,075.00

 \$9,976.29

Showing an improvement in the property of the Corporation for
 the past year, of the above sum, - - - - - \$9,976.29

This certifies that we have examined the books and accounts of the Treasurer of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn, for the year ending December 31, 1857, and have found them correctly kept and properly balanced, with satisfactory vouchers for all payments charged.

The certificates of stock and other evidences of property were found in accordance with the statements in his accounts.

In the Fund for Repairs there appeared to be due him one hundred and twenty-four $\frac{88}{100}$ dollars, and to be in his hands belonging to the general accounts of the Corporation, one hundred and seventy-three $\frac{89}{100}$ dollars.

CHARLES C. LITTLE,
CHARLES G. NAZRO,

Finance Committee.

BOSTON, FEBRUARY 1, 1858.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT,

For the Year ending December 31, 1857.

Amount of cash received during the year, for labor and materials, from proprietors and others, -	\$31,188.76	
Received of George W. Bond, Treasurer, -	4,003.26	
		\$35,192.02
Amount of disbursements during the year for labor and materials, -	34,040.32	
Paid George W. Bond, Treasurer, cash on account, -	1,151.70	
		35,192.02
There are bills due from proprietors to the Corporation, for labor and materials in 1856 and 1857, -	3,600.00	
Sundry bills against the Corporation, for granite work, &c.—say -	1,500.00	
		2,100.00
There have been collected of the above bills in behalf of the Corporation up to Jan. 28, 1858, about -	2,000.00	
And nearly all bills against the Corporation have been paid.		
Number of new Lots graded and set with granite posts during the year, -		88
“ of old Lots improved by new grading and sodding, -		79
“ of Monuments erected, -		38
“ of Iron Fences erected, -		87
“ of Evergreen Hedges planted, -		4
“ of Tombs built, -		3
“ of Interments in Public Lot, -		52
“ of Deposits in Receiving Tomb, -		45
“ of <i>Original</i> Interments during the year, -	420	
“ of Removals from other Cemeteries, -	131	
Whole number of Interments during the year, -		551
“ “ “ “ in the Cemetery, -		8443

JONATHAN MANN, *Superintendent.*